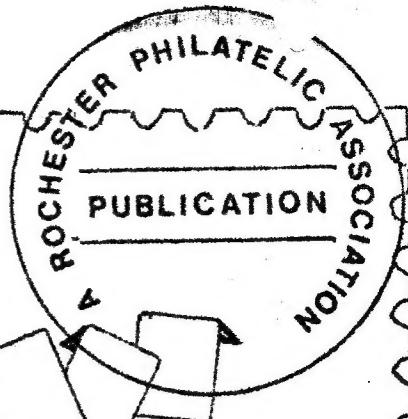


The RPA MEETS SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH
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WHAT-HAPPEN'

The March issue of the "H & T" was delayed by a wildcat postal strike that rippled through the Canadian postal system early in March. Post Offices in Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, and other cities in Ontario experienced first class mail delays averaging three weeks. Local postal unions and the Canadian Post Office have been reported to be working on a settlement. As of April 1st the first class rate in Canada is now 14¢ (was 12¢). The postal rate increase will generate more revenue badly needed in order to maintain current Canadian mail services. (Sounds like the Canadian Post Office is learning their lessons from the U.S.P.S.)



APRIL 14 -Atlantic City
New Jersey

CAPEX-78

The CAPEX trip to Toronto June 9, 10, 11, has reached the minimum quota. Further reservations must be made now on account of the scarcity of hotel rooms. A deposit of \$20.00 per person must be made now in order to confirm your reservation. The bus trip and Hotel Royal York for two nights including tax & tips totals to \$66.00 due in full by May 15, 1978. Send a check (payable to Rochester Philatelic Association) to Dr. George R. Joel, 19 Eastview Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14609 - phone# 288-3371.



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MARCH 31 -New York City

The United States Postal Service may have a surprise for the mailing public. The two stamps shown above are evidence that a postal rate increase may be coming soon. New rates could be in effect as soon as May 13th. You may get the 13¢ citizen's rate and the 16¢ (13¢ for each additional oz.) business rate!

***** APRIL MEETINGS *****

APRIL 13th - IMPORTANT ++++//++ IMPORTANT++THURSDAY, Apr.13

+ THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO MEMBERS ONLY +

April 13th is ROPEX-78 setup night at the Rochester Chamber of Commerce Building, 55 St. Paul Blvd. starting 7:30 pm. and ending around 10:00 pm. All the heavy work will be done by the hired workers, however, bring a pair of gloves for handling glass. Self-sticking name tags will be available when you arrive at the Chamber's Main Hall, please use them. For security reasons, only members will be allowed into the ROPEX exhibition Hall! Please come and help set up ROPEX-78.....

===(Dick Divito - YOU'RE ON ROPEX SECURITY - BE THERE THURSDAY)

APRIL 27th - YOU ASKED FOR IT AND YOU GOT IT.....

The RPA has arranged a TOUR of Rochester's NEW Main Post Office in Henrietta. The tour will start at 7:00 pm. Park and meet at Employee Parking Lot-C and its entrance, Rochester Main Post Office, Jefferson Rd. (opp. Xerox and between S. Winton & E. Henrietta Rds.) Hope you come and see how the mail is moved.....

***** NEW STAMP ISSUES *****

Apr. 14 - U.S., Lighthouse/Americana series, 29¢ stamp.

Apr. 26 - U.S., American Dance square se-tenant, four 13¢ stamps.

Apr. 26 - CANADA, Capt. James Cook portrait & "Nootka Sound" se-tenant, two 14¢ stamps.

***** MIDTOWN MALL RPA DISPLAY *****

Saturday, April 8th, the RPA will set up three display tables at Midtown Mall to promote the Club's "Open House Meeting" and ROPEX-78. From 9:00 am. to 4:00 pm. information in the form of a special "H & T" edition and ROPEX-78 fliers will be passed out to the public. There will also be a few stamp exhibits. Your help is needed- please think about donating 2 hour of your time on that Saturday and help chair the three tables at Midtown Mall. Only four members ARE SET FOR THAT Saturday, more help IS NEEDED!!

***** RPA'S 65th BIRTHDAY & MINI-EXHIBITION WINNERS **

The RPA's mini-exhibition produced many winners, considering that most exhibitors were first timers.- 1st place, Rev. Fishurn: Alaska Statehood; 2nd, Audrey Pauhials: Mutelated Stamps; 3rd, Helen deSolar: Birthdays; 4th, Jim Flynn: RPA Birthday; 5th, James Trenton: Radio Birthdays; 6th, Dr. George Joel: Birthday Cards.....

***** RPA DUES *****

This is the final notice: RPA DUES for 1978, \$3.50, should be sent to: RPA, P.O.Box 3806, Brighton Station, Rochester, N.Y. 14610. (make checks payable to the Rochester Philatelic Association)

***** NOTICE - NOMINATIONS *****

Nominations will now be noted for all RPA offices which will be voted on during the June Business Meeting. Send nominations to the RPA's mailing address or submit them at the remaining RPA meetings.....

***** RPA STAMP DERBY WINNER *****

The popular 1977 Stamp Derby was won by Miss Joyce Walsh, who came closest to the results reported in Linn's Stamp Derby. A prize for the winner was given by Dr. George B. Joel, the sponsorer.